

**BIOLOGY 205**  
**FINAL EXAM - 09 December 2005**

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**Multiple choice questions – 4 points each (single best answer for each).**

1. A cell is composed of compounds that include proteins, nucleic acids, lipids, and carbohydrates. A cell is capable of reproduction, but when the compounds of the cell are isolated, none of them can reproduce. Therefore, cell reproduction is an example of ...
  - A. Growth
  - B. A molecule
  - C. An emergent property
  - D. Adaptation
  - E. Metabolism
  
2. Louis Pasteur designed an experiment using the swan-necked flask to prove that:
  - A. Bacterial organisms cannot be killed by heat
  - B. Life does not arise spontaneously from nonliving matter
  - C. Earth was really much older than people of the time thought
  - D. The half-life of uranium<sup>238</sup> is 10 billion years
  - E. Maggots grow in meat
  
3. Ribosomes are a collection of:
  - A. small proteins that function in translation
  - B. proteins and rRNAs that function in translation
  - C. proteins and tRNAs that function in transcription
  - D. proteins and mRNAs that function in translation
  - E. mRNAs and tRNAs that function in translation
  
4. Imagine that a novel life form is found deep within Europa's Ocean. Evaluation of its DNA yields no surprises. However, it is found that a codon for this life form is just two bases in length. How many different amino acids maximum could this organism be composed of?
  - A. 4
  - B. 8
  - C. 16
  - D. 32
  - E. 64
  
5. One of the following biologically important macromolecules is NOT a polymer in the same sense as the other three, which molecule is it?
  - A. Nucleic acids
  - B. Proteins
  - C. Lipids
  - D. Polysaccharides

6. In sugar cane (a  $C_4$  plant),  $CO_2$  is released for use in the Calvin-Benson cycle:
- A. In the bundle sheath cells.
  - B. During the evening.
  - C. In glucose molecules.
  - D. In the stroma.
  - E. None of the above.
7. The reduction of pyruvate to lactic acid during fermentation allows glycolysis to continue in the absence of oxygen. Why?
- A. This reaction is coupled to the electron transport system
  - B. This reaction is coupled to the oxidation of  $FADH_2$  to  $FAD^+$
  - C. This reaction is coupled to the oxidation of  $NADH + H^+$  to  $NAD^+$
  - D. This reaction is coupled to the formation of ATP
  - E. This reaction is coupled to the reduction of  $NAD^+$  to  $NADH + H^+$
8. The microtubules of the mitotic spindle attach to a specialized structure in the centromere region of each chromosome, called the:
- A. Kinetochore
  - B. Nucleosome
  - C. Equatorial plate
  - D. Aster
  - E. Centrosome
9. The enzyme that charges the tRNA molecules with appropriate amino acids and thereby acts as the universal code translator is:
- A. tRNA isomerase
  - B. amino-tRNA chargeatase
  - C. reverse transcriptase
  - D. aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase
  - E. tRNA primase
10. Which of the following energy and/or electron carrier molecules is NOT derived from one or more nucleotides?
- A.  $FADH_2$
  - B.  $NADH+H^+$
  - C. Coenzyme A
  - D. ATP
  - E. Chlorophyll a

11. In eukaryotic cells, where are proteins that eventually contain covalently attached sugar residues translated?
- A. In the nucleus
  - B. On the Golgi apparatus
  - C. In the mitochondria
  - D. On the endoplasmic reticulum
  - E. In the cytoplasm
12. The universal genetic code is best described as:
- A. degenerate but not ambiguous
  - B. ambiguous but not redundant
  - C. both ambiguous and redundant
  - D. neither ambiguous nor redundant
  - E. missense but not nonsense
13. The term auxotroph refers to:
- A. a mutant form of a bacteria that requires nutrient(s) not required by the wild-type bacteria
  - B. a mutant form of a bacteria that requires no nutrients
  - C. a mutant form of a bacteria that can synthesize a nutrient which the wild-type bacteria cannot
  - D. a mutant form of a bacteria that can metabolize a nutrient which the wild-type bacteria cannot
  - E. a bacteria that can metabolize sugars
14. Which of the following is NOT a specific special property of **water**?
- A. cohesive strength
  - B. adhesive strength
  - C. high heat capacity
  - D. more viscous to a whale than a bacterium
  - E. solid phase less dense than liquid
15. Of the following, which organelle and/or structure is NOT part of the **endomembrane system**?
- A. nuclear envelope
  - B. endoplasmic reticulum
  - C. peroxisome
  - D. golgi apparatus
  - E. lysosome
16. How many moles of ATP are generated for each mole of acetyl-CoA introduced into the citric acid cycle strictly by substrate-level phosphorylation?
- A. 1
  - B. 2
  - C. 3
  - D. 4
  - E. 6

17. **Microtubules** provide an avenue for the movement of organelles within the cell. Which of the following is the “motor” protein that provides the mechanism for this movement towards the positive end?
- A. Kinesin
  - B. Dynein
  - C. Actin
  - D. Myosin
  - E. Keratin
18. When comparing the different levels of protein structure, which is/are best described by the occurrence of  **$\beta$ -pleated sheets**?
- A. primary
  - B. secondary
  - C. tertiary
  - D. quaternary
  - E. all of the above
19. All of the following are types of chemical bonds. Which of these is capable of the strongest attractive force linking atoms together?
- A. van der Waals attractions
  - B. Hydrogen bonds
  - C. Ionic bonds
  - D. Covalent bonds
  - E. Organic bonds
20. During replication, the new DNA strand is synthesized...
- A. in the 3' to 5' direction
  - B. in the 5' to 3' direction
  - C. in both the 3' to 5' and 5' to 3' directions from the replication fork
  - D. from one end to the other, in the 3' to 5' or the 5' to 3' directions
  - E. None of the above
21. Which of the following features summarizes the molecular architecture of DNA?
- A. The two strands run in opposite directions
  - B. The molecule twists in the same direction as the threads of most screws
  - C. The molecule is a double-stranded helix
  - D. DNA has a uniform diameter
  - E. All of the above

22. The energy necessary for making a DNA molecule comes directly from the...
- A. sugar
  - B. ATP
  - C. release of phosphates
  - D. NADPH
  - E. NADH
23. The enzyme that removes the RNA primers is called...
- A. DNA ligase
  - B. primase
  - C. reverse transcriptase
  - D. helicase
  - E. DNA polymerase I
24. When carbon dioxide is added to RuBP, the first stable product synthesized is:
- A. Pyruvate
  - B. Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate
  - C. 3-phosphoglycerate
  - D. ATP
  - E. None of the above
25. To obtain free energy, chemoautotrophs require a source of?
- A. Reduced organic compounds
  - B. Reduced inorganic substances
  - C. Carbon dioxide
  - D. Light energy
  - E. Water
26. Biological membranes are composed of?
- A. nucleotides and nucleosides
  - B. enzymes, electron acceptors, and electron donors
  - C. fatty acids
  - D. monosaccharides
  - E. lipids, proteins, and carbohydrates
27. When a plant cell is placed in a hypotonic solution, which of the following occurs?
- A. The cell takes up water until the osmotic potential equals the pressure potential of the cell wall
  - B. The cell takes up water and eventually bursts
  - C. The cell shrinks away from the cell wall
  - D. There is no movement of water into or out of the cell
  - E. Water moves out of the cell

28. In the first reaction of glycolysis, glucose receives a phosphate group from ATP. This reaction is...
- A. Respiration
  - B. A redox reaction
  - C. Exergonic
  - D. Endergonic
  - E. Fermentation
29. Animals inhale air-containing oxygen and exhale air with less oxygen and more carbon dioxide. Later, the oxygen from the air will most likely be found in....
- A. The carbon dioxide that is exhaled
  - B. Water
  - C. Organic molecules
  - D. Ethanol
  - E. Lactate
30. In cyclic photophosphorylation, chlorophyll is reduced by which of the following?
- A. ATP
  - B.  $\text{NADPH} + \text{H}^+$
  - C. Ferredoxin
  - D. Plastocyanin
  - E. Hydrogens liberated by the splitting of a water molecule
31. In noncyclic photophosphorylation, electrons from which source replenish chlorophyll molecules that have given up electrons?
- A. Carbon Dioxide
  - B. Water
  - C.  $\text{NADPH} + \text{H}^+$
  - D. Oxygen
  - E. ATP
32. Structures that contain networks of keratin fibers and hold adjacent cells together are called:
- A. Extracellular matrices
  - B. Glycoproteins
  - C. Gap junctions
  - D. Desmosomes
  - E. Phospholipid bilayers

**Matching Questions - 3 points each.** Indicate if the following reactions occur in photosynthesis only (**A**); respiration only (**B**); or both photosynthesis and respiration (**C**).

33. \_\_\_\_\_ ATP synthesis by chemiosmosis
34. \_\_\_\_\_ reduction of  $\text{NADP}^+$
35. \_\_\_\_\_ electron flow along a cytochrome chain (ETC)
36. \_\_\_\_\_ substrate level phosphorylation
37. \_\_\_\_\_ oxidation of water

**More Matching – 3 points each.** Use single best answer to match the organelle with the characteristic/process that is best described or associated with it. The possible answers are: **A.** Ribosomes, **B.** Mitochondria, **C.** Lysosome, **D.** Nucleus, and **E.** Chloroplast.

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| 38. _____ | Apoptosis       | 43. _____ | Phagocytosis       |
| 39. _____ | Translation     | 44. _____ | Thylakoid membrane |
| 40. _____ | DNA synthesis   | 45. _____ | Transcription      |
| 41. _____ | RuBisCo         | 46. _____ | Matrix             |
| 42. _____ | DNA replication | 47. _____ | RNA processing     |

**More Matching – 3 points each.** Match the proper catabolic stage of glucose catabolism. The possible answers are (**A**) Glycolysis, (**B**) Oxidation of Pyruvate to Acetyl CoA, (**C**) Citric Acid Cycle; (**D**) Oxidative Phosphorylation, (**E**) Respiratory or Electron Transport Chain.

48. \_\_\_\_\_ At which stage does  $\text{NAD}^+$  first get reduced to  $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$ ?
49. \_\_\_\_\_ At which stage is the carbon skeleton of glucose split?
50. \_\_\_\_\_ At which stage do hydrogen ions (i.e., protons) diffuse down a gradient?
51. \_\_\_\_\_ At which stage in aerobic respiration is the first molecule of  $\text{CO}_2$  produced?
52. \_\_\_\_\_ At which stage does  $\text{FAD}^+$  first get reduced to  $\text{FADH}_2$ ?

**Short answer – Number of points in parentheses.**

- 53. (6 points)** Name **two** different pathways that each contain steps where a particular molecule gets **two** phosphate groups attached **AND** describe which step within each pathway where this occurs. **Finally**, describe why these steps are most critical to the functioning of each pathway.
- 54. (6 points)** Consider the “idealized” cell. Starting on the outside of an animal cell and moving to the matrix of a mitochondrion, how many membranes would you have to cross **AND** what are each of their names?
- 55. Extra Credit (6 points)** What are three specific mechanisms (AND when do these occur) for introducing genetic variation from one generation to the next in sexually reproducing organisms?